

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



Office of the Director

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Dear Stakeholders:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to release the District's draft Permanent Supportive Housing Plan for public comment. We worked closely with the Corporation for Supportive Housing on the development of the plan and adopted their recommendations as the District's draft plan.

The plan is the District's roadmap for the implementation of our commitment in the Homeless No More Plan to create 2,500 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families with long histories of homelessness by 2014.

The development of this plan was informed by a workgroup of the Interagency Council on Homelessness. The workgroup had significant representation from all of the plan's stakeholder groups. We value the input of our community stakeholders and will accept comments over the next 45 days, before finalizing the plan.

During a time of decreasing fiscal resources, the District is making a significant commitment to the fulfillment of this plan by creating a \$ 19.2 million Housing First Fund in the Department of Human Services in the FY 2009 budget. This fund will create the mechanism by which the District will draw resources toward the fulfillment of this important initiative.

DHS acknowledges the excellent work of the Corporation for Supportive Housing in the development of the plan.

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Sincerely,

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